

# Conservation & You

BAMBERG SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

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## **Affiliate Membership**

We would like to thank **ALL** of our affiliates who have been great supporters through the years. Any size donation is accepted and appreciated. When you become an affiliate member of Bamberg Soil and Water Conservation District, you are helping us reach out to our community through different conservation programs and workshops. We are able to offer these programs free to our community. In addition, Jennifer Clemons will continue to bring conservation education into our private and public county schools by working closely with faculty and staff members.



## Arbor Day Celebration

This year, Bamberg Soil & Water Conservation District held a contest for Arbor Day. The students in the county schools were asked to submit a synopsis of Arbor Day, such as when it is celebrated, and why it is celebrated. The fourth grade students from Richard Carroll Elementary did an awesome job under the guidance of Mrs. Hewitt, making their school the

winner! The district donated a Red Maple Tree to the school.

On December 6, 2013, Commissioners Henry L. Nicholson and Johny L. Haralson partook in the activities along with District Conservationist, Wilfred Pace, and edu-

cation coordinator Jennifer Clemons.

Wilfred Pace engaged the 4th grade students in a conversation about conservation such as why it is important to take care of our land, and the benefits of planting trees. There

was great interaction between the students and Wilfred. The students were excited to be part of Arbor Day Celebration.



The picture on the left shows our district hard at work assembling the High Tunnel.

The picture on the right shows our district joining in on Arbor Day.





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## SEASONAL HIGH TUNNEL

On Thursday, December 5, 2013, NRCS, in conjunction with Bamberg Soil and Water Conservation District, hosted a High Tunnel Workshop at Booker Patrick's Farm. The diverse group of attendees included Commissioner Henry L. Nicholson, Commissioner Johnney Haralson, District Conservationist Wilfred Pace, Clemson Extension agent Joe Varn, Dr. Miller, from Clemson education and research center, soil technicians from Hampton and St. George, NRCS Natural Resource Specialist Reginald Hall, DNR Conservation Specialist JoNathan Williams, and many landowners and farmers from Bamberg, and neighboring counties.

Booker Patrick extended his southern hospitality to all who attended by providing a fresh, hot cooked meal prepared for lunch. His family opened their home to our group and treated us like family. NRCS and Bamberg Soil and Water Conservation District not only partner to meet and exceed our farmers and landowners expectations, but also build relationships on a deeper level. Together our goal is to provide the best technical support and recommend the best conservation practices to our landowners to improve their land.

Our mission is to encourage and support our community to understand the importance of conservation issues, the multiple uses of natural resources, and provide technical guidance to the landowners of the district through education outreach, workshops, volunteer programs, and open communication within the community

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